### Welcome!

International webinar of the Natural Livestock Farming Foundation (NLF)



#### **Moderator today:**

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## **Natural Livestock Farming**



An approach to reduce the use of antibiotics and other chemicals for sustainable livestock production





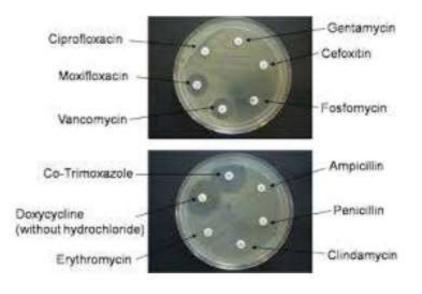




### If no action:

Antibiotics and other chemicals will no longer be effective for humans and animals alike

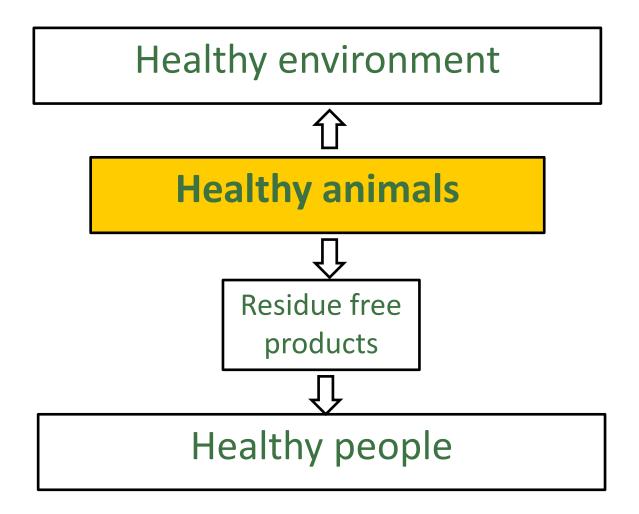
Local dairy markets can collapse in countries with insufficient residue control – affecting farmer livelihoods







# Natural Livestock Farming: a practical contribution to One Health



## **NLF** approach



International collaboration combining a variety of farming systems

## **Building on knowledge systems from 3 continents**

Combining expertise from the grassroots (farmers and veterinarians) with scientific back-up

Pilots with implementation of NLF 5-layer strategy

### **Exchange programs resulted in joint strategy:**

Natural Livestock Farming 5-layer strategy for Sustainable Dairy Farming



## What are we doing as NLF?



- 1. Increase expertise with NLF approach
  - Field level pilots and projects
  - Include (PhD and MSc student) research
  - Exchange on specific topics (e.g. tick and worm control)
- 2. Spread expertise with NLF approach
  - Networking
  - Provide training (webinars, practical sessions)
  - Publications, films
  - Collaborate with NGO's, governments, research and private enterprise
  - Collaborate with universities and schools

We aim to upscale NLF to 25 countries: JOIN US! Contact info@naturallivestockfarming.com

### Why focus on Natural Ways of Dairy Calf Raising?

- Overlooked topic in many dairy programs
- Strategic importance for dairy farmers
- Decisive for future herd
- Strategic role and input of women
- High potential for improvement



#### **Dairy calves in the Netherlands:**

- 2-20% calf mortality 3 days to 1 year of age, average 13%
- 8% of dairy farms in category 20% or more
- Diarrhea in first 2 weeks: leads to 17x more respiratory problems,
   and 2.5 times higher culling rate during first lactation
- High variety indicates possibilities for improvement

### **NLF webinar today: Natural Ways of Dairy Calf Raising**

**Speaker 1: Daniel Temesgen, ESAP/NLF Ethiopia**Outcome pilot of NLF 5-layer approach in smallholder dairy farming in Ethiopia

Speaker 2: Dr. Ana Catharina Berge, Berge Vet Consulting
The healthy dairy calf: effective calf management during the
first 6 months

Speaker 3: Prof. Natasan Punniamurthy GLOHMSIWA/TDU/NLF Inidia
Herbal control of common calf diseases

Afterwards: 40 min. time for questions and discussion

